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U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation
Attention: Privacy-P, Room G-322A
Hubert H. Humphrey Building
200 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, DC 20201

Dear Assistant Secretary:

I, along with other representatives of CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield have reviewed the HIPAA NPRM, Standards for Privacy of Individually Identifiable Health Information, as published in the Federal Register on November 3, 1999,

CareFirst Blue Cross Blue Shield continues to be supportive of the intent of the HIPAA Administrative Simplification legislation and we appreciate the opportunity to communicate our views.

Consequently, we have contributed comments regarding this Privacy NPRM to the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association and are satisfied that comments submitted by the Association to HHS on behalf of the plans, will also address our issues and concerns.

Should you have any questions regarding our position, please contact me at 410-998-5496.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fran Doherty".

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